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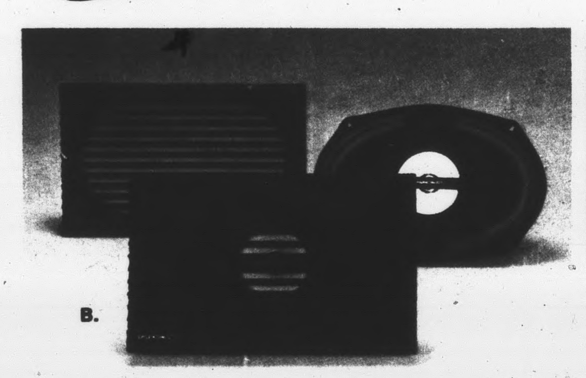

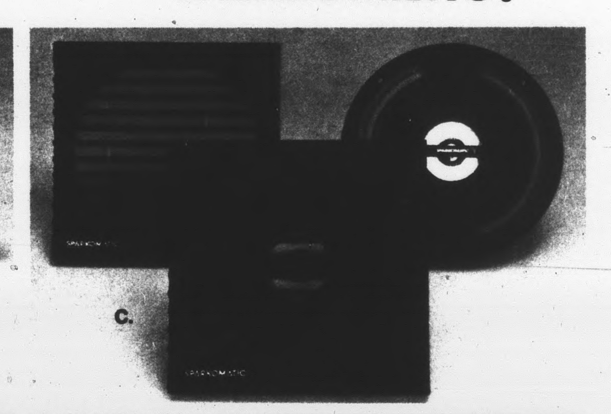

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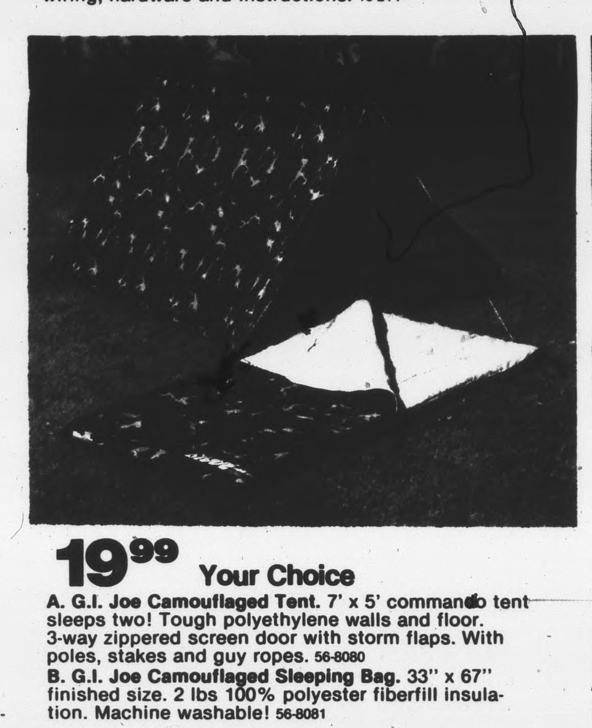

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Harrison farm honored by conservation district

CARTER MARTIN OF THE ROBERT E. LEE SOIL AND WATER Conservation District (left) presents Phil and John Harrison with the "Outstanding Cooperator" Plaque for their work on their farm, "Wildwood". The Harrisons and others were honored at the district's annual awards banquet held last Thursday night at Appomattox County High School. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

John O. and Phillip L. Harrison were presented the "Outstanding Cooperator" plaque by the Robert E. Lee Soil and Water Conservation District Thursday night. In making the presentation CD Director Carter Martin summarized Harrisons' outstanding conservation program. All of their 109 acres of cropland are in contour stripcropping and used in a rotation of corn followed by small grain than orchardgrass-clover hay.

Most of their 185 acres of pastureland and hayland have been renovated by liming and fertilizing as needed and overseeded with clover. They have reforested 218 acres of low quality hardwood with loblolly pine. Many other improvements, such as restoration of the farm pond, construction of a new livestock watering facility and new fencing, were noted.

Harrison Brothers received their plaque at the R. E. Lee CD Awards Banquet Thursday night at Appomattox. The Awards Banquet was sponsored by Farmers National Bank of Appomattox.

Other outstanding cooperator plaque receipients were Edward S. Burford, Amherst County and M. A. Britton, Campbell County.

Youth Awards went to the Appomattox County 4-H Soils Judging team of Darryl Conner, Richard Conner, and Kenneth McClenny who won the R.E. Lee CD contest then later went on to win the State 4-H Judging Contest held at Blacksburg last summer. All of these were among the top five in individual scoring. They will compete in the national Land Judging Contest in Oklahoma next spring. The Conner cousins attended the Youth Conservation Seminar at Blacksburg with the R.E. Lee CD providing scholarships.

Distinguished Leadership Award plaque was presented to Dr. Franklin Flint, R.E. Lee CD Director from Lynchburg. Flint is past Chairman of the R.E. Lee CD Board and is the President of Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

The Outstanding Leadership Award plaque was presented to the Amherst County Board of Supervisors for their leadership in the Buffalo River Watershed Project in Amherst County.

Students emphasize importance of education

Appomattox Elementary School celebrated American Education Week during November 14-20 in many exciting ways. Students were involved in a literature and art contest emphasizing in the theme: "Why My Education Is Important." Below are the winning literature entries. Winners received a monetary gift presented by Mrs. Susan Garrett of TV 13 News on Friday, November 19. Art winners included:

Robert Coleman	Grade 6	1st
Melanie Morris	Grade 6	2nd
Jennifer Notestein	Grade 5	1st
Kristen McDonald	Grade 5	2nd
Jimmy Fedison	Grade 4	1st
Becky Hall	Grade 4	2nd
Ginny Sweet	Grade 3	1st
Brian Booker	Grade 3	2nd

First-Place Winner

My education is important,
It reminds me of an icicle,
You start at the bottom of the easiest level,
And work yourself to the top.

My education is important.
It reminds me of a light,
When you get more watts or information,
You become much brighter.

My education is important,
It reminds me of water in a sea,
The more you put into it,
The deeper it becomes.

My education is important,
It reminds me of America,
It is rich, loyal, patriotic,
And most of all free!!

By Sharla Kvasnicka
Grade 6

Second-Place Winner
"Why My Education Is Important"

My education is very important to me
Without it, I'd be as dumb as could be.

I wouldn't know how to read or write
Or the reason the sun doesn't shine at night.
I wouldn't be able to count
And my bills would surely mount!

How to care for our bodies we learn in health
Here is a storehouse of great wealth.

A nurse is what I choose to be
To help people stay healthy.
I hope you never get the news
Of a patient that I did lose;
Because I didn't pay attention
The results I won't mention.

Older people talk about inflation
And the importance of a good education.
They say that jobs are harder to find
And that my teachers I should mind.

Education prepares us for life
It helps to lessen our strife.
If we try, we will learn
And a good place in life, we will earn.

Without a good education, I don't know
what I would end up to be
I'm just thankful that I'll never have to see.

By Missy Phelps
Grade 6

First-Place Winner
Why My Education Is Important

I believe education is imporant in many ways,
So listen to my poem I have good things to say.

My teacher comes to school each day,
To help me learn the things I may.
I learn all kinds of skills and, trucks,
From singing songs to laying bricks.

My education gives me knowledge
So much that I can go to college.
I'll be prepared to get what I need,
To fill my cup and the family feed.

I learn reading, writing and arithmetic,
From many subjects I can pick.
But values of truth, honesty, and being good,
Is the learning that will follow me through manhood.

By Nathan Gregory
Grade 5

Second-Place Winner
"What Education Means To Me"

Education means that I am learning everyday new and helpful information. I'm not only learning at school, but at home, too. A good education will help me get a good job when I grow up.

A good education is not only learned from books, but also by the things I do. Helping at home, working in 4-H, talking with others, and helping each other are some of the ways I learn.

My education will not end when I finish college. Education continues as long as I am willing to learn.

That is what education means to me.

By Jennifer Alvis
Grade 5

First-Place Winner
Why My Education Is Important To Me

My education is important to me because I have a chance to meet other people and go different places. Through reading in the library, I have a chance to learn on my own about anything I want. My education is also important because I can learn about my past and how it will affect the present and future generations.

I can learn of settlers of the past and how they influenced our costumes of today. My education is important because it will help me in the future to cope with life easier

By Jason Carter
Grade 4

Second-Place Winner
Why My Education Is Important To Me

My education is important to me because I am learning, and devloping new skills. When I go to school I am learning more. The things I learn will enable me to have the experience I will need to find a job. With the skills I have learned, I will be better prepared for the future.

By Zaneta Moore
Grade 4

First-Place Winner
EDUCATION

E is for the environment I'm learning to live in.
D is for driving, that lets me explore
U is for understanding the world that I live in.
C is for the career I'm hoping to have.
A is for the achievement that I seek each day.
T is for teachers that spark my interest in learning.
I is for the intelligence my brain is storing everyday.
O is for observing the people and things that surround me.
N is for the need we all have to learn and develop.
Together they spell Education; a world that gives me learning and experience today for a brighter and more fulfilling tomorrow.

By Shannon Williams
Grade 3

Second Place Winner
"Why My education Is Important"

My education is important because we go to school to learn, and to learn we have to listen to our teacher at all times. Our teacher is there for a special reason, that is to teach us. We are there for a special reason also that is to learn as much as we can in our early years, because if we do not get the learning we need now it will be hard for us to do well in our college years. Some children in other lands do not have the chance to get an education like we do in the United States. I am thankful for my teachers and all of the people in the school that work each day to help us get our education. I want to learn as much as I can each day because I want to be a scientist when I finish college.

By Tonya Simmons
Grade 3

Mildred Elliott named 1982 Christmas Mother

Mrs. Mildred Elliott has been named 1982 Christmas Mother for the Volunteer Service of Appomattox County Department of Social Services. Mrs. Elliott, former co-owner of Elliott's Florst, is well known in this community.

She will be responsible for the collection and distribution of the gifts. Last year 120 baskets were distributed and the need has increased this year.

Contributions of food, toys, clothing, or money are now being accepted and are greatly appreciated. Gifts may be left at the Social Services office on Morton Lane Monday thru Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The volunteers would like to deliver the gifts no later than December 22. If there are any questions, contact Mrs. Elliott at 352-2553.

Father Darkleaf

by Calvin Robinson

Of special days and occasions there is no end. Nov. 21 was "Super Sunday" and "Hello Days" had wide support. Nov. 18 was the widely proclaimed "Smoke Out Day" and on that I made the Honor Roll, for I did not light my pipe all day. I asked around and found there were two classes ... those who had not heard of the effort to cut out smoking for a day, and those who had heard of it but ignored it. Guess it was helpful to prove to oneself that one could control smoking. Maybe will move on to a no smoking week or month. Alas, the tobacco farmer has problems without end, including competition from foreign brands. Sales markets are open and prices seem to be on the lower fringe of what was expected. And while on the subject of Special Days, thanks to those who remembered that Nov. 24 was my fiftieth wedding anniversary. Hope the second fifty will be as pleasant. Let you know.

Loretta Lynn, The Coal Miner's Daughter of Nashville TV fame, will be in Richmond, Va. in person Sunday afternoon for a concert. Richmond Coleseum.

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Worthy of support is the effort to see that high school girls have adequate opportunities in the athletic programs. Girls' basketball is a leader in popularity. A salute to the Fluvanna High School, whose girls' basketball team has won forty-eight games without a loss over two years. Plus a state title.

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Over the years I have developed a tendency to applaud "the underdog." Meaning, the one who battles against odds to win. In health, in business, in sports, whatever. Watching and reading of games, I chuckle as a small Centre College downs Harvard; an unknown rookie rises to stardom. And a comparatively small town like Appomattox rises to national attention because of the great event here in 1865, and gains area attention because of its success in providing jobs and a livelihood to a growing population. Requires teamwork and, frankly, a few lucky breaks. The coach of "the underdog" team reasons he must overcome weight and experience with quickness and extra effort. Appomattox is a growing town. You betcha, and we welcome all newcomers to move ahead with us. Interesting weeks ahead as the big Christmas season approaches. Gee, Macy's Big Christmas Parade down Broadway this Thursday. We cannot match that here, but led us earn our keep and make this the best Christmas ever. Thanks for reading and seeya around.

DONNIE L. FERGUSON was recognized by Ruritan National at the October, 1982 meeting of the Spout Spring, Virginia Ruritan Club. Donnie was presented with a "Certificate of Appreciation" from National Headquarters and a letter of commendation from the District Governor, for outstanding achievement. This award is presented to any Ruritan member that recruits a minimum of three new members during the club year. Donnie qualified for this award when he recruited five new members for the Spout Spring, Virginia Club as of August, 1982. Mr. Francis Tyler, District Governor was on hand to present these awards to Donnie. Donnie is also the secretary elect for the Spout Spring Club for 1983.

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